

1 SOUTHERN MISSOURI MINISTRY NETWORK
2 CONFERENCE 110 MINUTES
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4 Chairman called the Network Conference to order and provided instructions on the procedure of
5 addressing the Chair and voting.
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7 Lowell Perkins opened the business session in prayer.
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9 Chair declared the voting constituency shall consist of all credentialed ministers holding a
10 current fellowship certificate with the General Council and are in good standing with the
11 Network who are present and registered. And lay delegates present and registered as may be
12 by the general council and network affiliated assemblies located within the geographic
13 boundaries of the network. Each assembly being entitled to one lay delegate. Entirety of the
14 lower area (4 sections) is voting area.
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16 **PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE SEATED**

17 The Parliamentary committee were recognized. Chairman-Jerry Orf, Gary Ankrom and Jerry
18 Workman.
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20 Resolutions committee were presented: Chairman-Eric Bates, Kelly Eaton and Travis Patrick
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22 **ROSTER REPORT #1:**

23 Bob Nilges read the morning roster report as follows:

24 Certified: 15
25 Licensed: 85
26 Ordained: 221
27 Delegates: 38

28 **Total voting 359**

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30 **109TH NETWORK CONFERENCE MINUTES**

31 Chairman stated the minutes have been made available online and request.

32 **Motion to approve minutes as presented.**

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34 **ANNUAL REPORTS**

35 Chairman stated the Annual Reports have been made available online.

36 **Motion to approve all reports without reading with the exception of**
37 **Superintendent's, Executive Secretary's and Chief Financial Officer's report.**

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39 **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/MISSIONS/CAMP REPORT**

40 Stan Welch addressed the constituency and presented his report detailing highlights from
41 Church numbers, Credentialing Applications, School of Ministry, Camp renovations and Missions.
42 He took a moment to remember all the ministers who passed since the last conference.
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44 **Motion to accept Executive Secretary/Missions/Camp Report**

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46 **2024 FINANCIAL REPORT**

47 Rhonda Amer presented a brief review of the year's financial report. Highlights included all
48 departments ended in the black. Tithe increase of 3% over 2024 at \$2.8 million. General

1 Operating Fund ended with \$257,000 and General Fund Savings ended with a balance of
2 \$342,000 and Cross Pointe ended with a balance of \$1.1 million. Missionary Support and
3 Compassion Giving from the General Fund was \$194,000, and a Departmental investment of
4 \$137,000. Church assistance spent \$165,000. Invested in Church Plant & Health \$165,000.
5 Presbytery Expense was \$137,000. Invested in Cross Pointe \$716,000 in multiple areas
6 (operations, SportsPlex, Capital Improvements, etc). The Ministers' Benevolence Fund ended at
7 \$2,152,000.

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9 Report was moved and seconded to receive. No discussion or question.

10 **Accept 2024 Financial Report**

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12 **2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

13 Rhonda Amer shared the proposed budget for 2025 is based on a 3% tithe increase. Income
14 will be \$2.9 million.

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16 Chairman states the reports have been online and will continue to be online for you to view.

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18 **Motion to approve budget with understanding Presbytery will be given liberty to**
19 **adjust as needed.**

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21 No discussion or questions.

22 **APPROVE 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET**

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24 Chairman relinquished chair to the Asst. Superintendent George Westlake for the presentation
25 of the 2025 vision casting.

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27 **SUPERINTENDENT VISION CASTING**

28 The Superintendent addressed the body and shared his vision for 2025. From 1933 – 1944,
29 President Franklin Roosevelt regularly communicated with the American people through a series
30 of radio broadcasts he called Fireside Chats. Roosevelt used these chats to encourage and
31 guide the nation through the hard days of financial depression. This morning, I want to have
32 with you a Fireside Chat. Not because we are in the middle of a crisis, but because I want to
33 share my heart with you. Resource, Relationship & Renewal. Chairman Miller shares the origin
34 story of this focus. In the fall of 2009, Chairman Miller was Executive Presbyter over the
35 Southwest Region. He asked himself the question, what role does the Network have in what I
36 am doing? That is where Resource, Relationship & Renewal came from. It is our job to walk
37 alongside the ministers in our Network with these three facets. If what we're doing doesn't fit in
38 that filter, we need to reevaluate. Since Chairman Miller became Superintendent in 2011,
39 Resource, Relationship and Renewal has become the vision of the Network. The bottom line is
40 we need each other.

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42 **MOTION TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT REPORT**

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44 George Westlake relinquished the chair to Superintendent Don Miller.

1 **JAMES RIVER CHURCH SITUATION**

2 Chairman took a moment to address the situation and the letter he received from James River.
3 On Monday, April 21st, Chairman received a letter from James River to disaffiliate. Chairman
4 then met at length with General Superintendent Doug Clay and then with the Lindell's. Last
5 Wednesday (April 23), the Lindell's announced to their church and staff the decision to
6 disaffiliate from the Assemblies of God. Chairman shared that we are grieved and broken
7 hearted about this action but are thankful for the ministry of James River and the Lindell's. We
8 will pray for them, but we will lead on.
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10 Chairman asked the body to stand and asked Executive Secretary Stan Welch to lead in prayer
11 for James River and the Lindell's.
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13 **RESOLUTION 1- YOUTH DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

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15 **WHEREAS**, our Network Youth Department is charged with ministering to the salvation and
16 discipleship and spiritual formation of one of our fellowship's chiefest treasures, namely, the
17 youth of Southern Missouri; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, the choosing of highly qualified spiritual leadership for the Network Youth
20 Department is paramount among our responsibilities as a Ministry Network; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, spiritual maturity and experience are highly valued biblical qualities for leadership,
23 such qualities often developing as the result of years of focused ministry; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the processes prescribed in our Bylaws for nominating and electing the leadership
26 of the Network Youth Department are vigorous and provide multiple levels of vetting and
27 safeguarding; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, our present Bylaws contain restrictive age limits applied to the election of
30 leadership at all levels within the Network Youth Department, while there are no such age
31 restrictions within the Bylaws pertaining to the election of leadership within any other of the
32 Network Departments; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, removing the restrictive age limits applied to electing leaders within the Network
35 Youth Department would provide a broader field of qualified candidates from which to choose;
36 therefore be it
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38 **RESOLVED** that the Bylaws of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network of the Assemblies of
39 God, ARTICLE XXI. NETWORK DEPARTMENTS, Section 2. Youth Department, Subsection E.
40 Elections and Vacancies, Subsection (1) Qualifications and Elections, Subsection (a)
41 Departmental Leaders, Subsection 1. Qualifications, which presently reads:
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- 43 1. **Qualifications.** The Network Youth Director and Assistant Director shall be ordained
44 ministers of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network. They shall have been members of
45 the Network for at least one year. They shall be within the ages of 23 and 40 at the time
46 of the initial election. They shall have proven leadership and be properly qualified in the
47 area of youth ministry.
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And be it further

RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God, ARTICLE XXI. NETWORK DEPARTMENTS, Section 2. Youth Department, Subsection E. Elections and Vacancies, Subsection (1) Qualifications and Elections, Subsection (b) Area Representatives, Subsection 1. Qualifications, which presently reads:

1. **Qualifications.** Each Area Youth Representative shall be selected from the ministers of the Area. They shall be between the ages of twenty-three and forty at the time of initial election. If no minister of this age designation is available at the time of election, the Area Conference shall elect the minister most qualified to serve that term.

Be amended to read:

1. **Qualifications.** Each Area Youth Representative shall be selected from the ministers of the Area. ~~They shall be between the ages of twenty three and forty at the time of initial election. If no minister of this age designation is available at the time of election, the Area Conference shall elect the minister most qualified to serve that term.~~

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the Network Presbytery

Chairman asked the chair of the resolutions committee to present a brief synopsis of the resolution. He then asked Brandon Cederblom (mic 2) to speak to the body regarding the resolution. Chairman shared that we are not looking at this solely for one person, but for the position as a whole. Motion was made to adopt the resolution. **MSC**

Chairman took a moment to provide instructions on voting area seating to assist with the collection of paper voting ballots.

NETWORK YOUTH DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT

Chairman read the qualifications for Youth Director. And provided instructions for ballot. The Network nomination for Youth Director was Brandon Cederblom. Chairman called for a vote. Voting closed.

NETWORK ASSISTANT YOUTH DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT

Chairman provided instructions for ballot and called for a vote. The Network nomination for Assistant Youth Director was Dylan Glastetter. Voting closed.

1 Video greeting from GC Superintendent Doug Clay with a special invitation to attend the
2 General Council of the Assemblies of God in Orlando, FL.

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4 **SPONSOR PRESENTATION- AGCU**

5 AGCU newly appointed CEO/President Peter Shiner shared about AGCU.
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7 **RESOLUTION 2- MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND INCREASE**
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9 **WHEREAS**, the Southern Missouri Ministry Network has established the Ministers Benevolent
10 Fund to provide financial assistance to a family upon the death of a minister enrolled in the
11 program; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the costs of end-of-life care and funeral services continue to rise; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Ministers Benevolent Fund has continued to experience both solvency and
14 surplus; therefore be it

15 **RESOLVED** that the Bylaws of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network of the Assemblies of
16 God, **ARTICLE XX. MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND**, Section 4. Benefits, Subsection A.
17 Class-A Membership, which presently reads:

- 18 A. **Class-A Membership.** The beneficiary will receive \$1,000 if death of the member
19 should occur during the first year of membership, \$3,000 if death of the member
20 occurs during second year of membership, and \$6,500 if death of the member
21 occurs during third year of membership or thereafter.

22 Be amended to read:

- 23 A. **Class-A Membership.** The beneficiary will receive \$1,000 if death of the member
24 should occur during the first year of membership, \$3,000 if death of the member
25 occurs during second year of membership, and \$7,000 if death of the member
26 occurs during third year of membership or thereafter.

27 And be it further

28 **RESOLVED** that the Bylaws of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network of the Assemblies of
29 God, **ARTICLE XX. MINISTERS BENEVOLENT FUND**, Section 4. Benefits, Subsection B. Class-B
30 Membership, which presently reads:

- 31 B. **Class-B Membership.** Class B members shall receive 6% interest added to their
32 contributions on an annual basis. The principal and interest accrued at the time of
33 death will be paid to the beneficiary, the amount not to exceed \$6,500.

34 Be amended to read:

- 35 B. **Class-B Membership.** Class B members shall receive 6% interest added to their
36 contributions on an annual basis. The principal and interest accrued at the time of
37 death will be paid to the beneficiary, the amount not to exceed \$7,000.

38 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the Network Presbytery
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40 Chairman asked the resolutions committee to present a brief synopsis of the resolution. He then
41 asked Rhonda Amer (mic 3) to speak to the body regarding the resolution. Motion was made to
42 adopt the resolution. **MSC**

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44 **NETWORK YOUTH DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT RESULTS**

45 312 votes cast; 208 necessary to elect.

46 Brandon Cederblom – 304 - elected
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1 **NETWORK ASSISTANT YOUTH DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT RESULTS**

2 306 votes cast; 204 necessary to elect.
3 Dylan Glastetter – 302 – elected.

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5 **NETWORK CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES/DISCIPLISHIP DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT**

6 Chairman stated the qualifications read for the Youth Director were basically the same with
7 exception of age qualification. The Network nomination for Children’s Ministries/Discipleship
8 Director was Chip Dudden. Chairman provided instructions for ballot and called for a vote.
9 Voting closed.

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11 **NETWORK CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES/DISCIPLISHIP ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**
12 **ELECTORAL BALLOT**

13 The Network nomination for Assistant Children’s Ministries/Discipleship Director was Ryan
14 Mortensen. Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.

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16 **SPONSOR PRESENTATION- MARANATHA VILLAGE**

17 Marantha Village Administrator Brian Miller shared about Marantha Village

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19 **NETWORK CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES/DISCIPLISHIP DIRECTOR RESULTS**

20 311 votes cast; 205 necessary to elect.
21 Chip Dudden – 299 – elected.

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23 **RESOLUTION 3- CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

24 **WHEREAS**, the Southern Missouri Ministry Network has been well served by the ministry of a
25 Chief Financial Officer whose position has been established and authorized by the Network
26 Presbytery; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the work of the Chief Financial Officer has been critical to the ongoing operations
28 and ministries of the Network; and

29 **WHEREAS**, codification of the position and role of a Chief Financial Officer would provide
30 clarity to the membership of the Network; therefore be it

31 **RESOLVED** that the Bylaws of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network of the Assemblies of
32 God, ARTICLE XVIII. FINANCES, be amended by the addition of Section 5. Chief Financial
33 Officer, to read as follows:

34 **Section 5. Chief Financial Officer**

35 **A. Appointment.** The Chief Financial Officer shall be appointed by the Network
36 Superintendent and ratified by the Network Presbytery.

37 **B. Authorization, Reporting, and Delegated Authority.** The Chief Financial
38 Officer shall be authorized to perform the duties of their office at the direction of
39 the Network Superintendent and the Network Presbytery and shall report to the
40 same. In conducting the duties of their office, the Chief Financial Officer shall be
41 authorized to exercise oversight and authority on behalf of, and as assigned by,
42 the Network Superintendent and the Network Presbytery.

43 **C. Duties.** The Chief Financial Officer shall be charged with the performance of
44 their duties, which shall include the following:

- 45 (1) Receive and keep accurate records of all funds incoming to the Network,
46 including but not limited to tithes and offerings, and keep the same on deposit in
47 a financial institution designated by the Network Presbytery;

- (2) Pay out and spend the finances of the Network at the direction and authorization of the Network Presbytery;
- (3) Present financial reports to the Network Superintendent, to the Network Presbytery, and to the annual meetings of the Network Conference in session;
- (4) Provide counsel as requested and required to the Network Superintendent and to the Network Presbytery regarding matters of finance and business;
- (5) Oversee any and all Network employees who serve to assist with the duties of the office of the Chief Financial Officer;
- (6) Provide management of and assistance with matters of finance and business for the Network and for Network Affiliated Assemblies at the direction of the Network Superintendent and the Network Presbytery;
- (7) Provide assistance as required to the Network Superintendent in the regular management of the Network offices, properties, employees, and ongoing ministries;
- (8) Serve as communication liaison on behalf of the Network Superintendent and affiliated ministries; and
- (9) Provide financial and business focused ministry to the membership of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network as directed by the Network Superintendent.

D. Terms, Vacancies and Removals. The Chief Financial Officer shall serve until their voluntary departure from office or until their office is declared vacant by the Network Superintendent or by the Network Presbytery.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the Network Presbytery

Chairman asked the resolutions committee to present a brief synopsis of the resolution. He then asked Exec. Presbyter Jason St. John (mic 1) to speak to the body regarding the resolution. Motion was made to adopt the resolution.

Tim Collins Evangelist from KC section (Mic 1) proposed an amendment to the pronouns in the resolution.

Section 5. Chief Financial Officer

Section 5. B. Authorization, Reporting, and Delegated Authority. The Chief Financial Officer shall be authorized to perform the duties of ~~their~~ office at the direction of the Network Superintendent and the Network Presbytery and shall report to the same. In conducting the duties of ~~their~~ office, the Chief Financial Officer shall be authorized to exercise oversight and authority on behalf of, and as assigned by, the Network Superintendent and the Network Presbytery.

Be amended to read:

Section 5. B. Authorization, Reporting, and Delegated Authority. The Chief Financial Officer shall be authorized to perform the duties of **the** office at the direction of the Network Superintendent and the Network Presbytery and shall report to the same. In conducting the duties of **the** office, the Chief Financial Officer shall be authorized to exercise oversight and authority on behalf of, and as assigned by, the Network Superintendent and the Network Presbytery.

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Section 5. C. Duties. The Chief Financial Officer shall be charged with the performance of ~~their~~ duties, which shall include the following:

Be amended to read:

1 **Section 5. C. Duties.** The Chief Financial Officer shall be charged with the
2 performance of **his or her** duties, which shall include the following:

3 And

4 **Section 5. D. Terms, Vacancies and Removals.** The Chief Financial Officer shall
5 serve until ~~their~~ voluntary departure from office or until ~~their~~ office is declared vacant by
6 the Network Superintendent or by the Network Presbytery.

7 Be amended to read:

8 **Section 5. D. Terms, Vacancies and Removals.** The Chief Financial Officer shall
9 serve until **his or her** voluntary departure from office or until **the** office is declared
10 vacant by the Network Superintendent or by the Network Presbytery.

11 Motion made to amend the resolution and seconded.

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13 Lowell Perkins (Mic 2) spoke against the amendment. The word "their" has been used for at
14 least 20 years or more when referring to an office that would include both male or female. We
15 would have to do extensive work within the bylaws to add both "he or she" and then we would
16 have to determine which would be used first "he or she" which may be debatable in some
17 minds. So, for clarity, I believe the word "their" is proper.

18 Chairman Miller received vote on the proposed amendment.

Motion has failed.

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20 Chairman Miller returned to the vote on the original resolution as submitted.

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21 **MISSIONS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT**

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23 Chairman explained the role of this position. Facing no objection, the qualifications for this
24 position were not necessary to read again since they are the same for the other two previously
25 voted Director positions. Chairman states Cliff Cato was the selected nominee by the Missions
26 Department. Chairman opened voting. Ballots collected and voting declared closed.

27 **NETWORK CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES/DISCIPLESHIP ASST. DIRECTOR RESULTS**

28 302 votes cast; 199 necessary to elect.

29 Ryan Mortensen – 298 – elected.

30 **MISSIONS DEPARTMENT SECRETARY ELECTORAL BALLOT**

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32 Chairman explained that David Cox was nominated by the Missions Department.

33 Voting open. Voting closed.

34 **CROSSPOINTE CAMP BOYS DORMS**

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37 Chairman Miller shared that a number of years ago when the Network became debt free. They
38 began to realize that the boys dorm would need renovated and began to put back money
39 (equivalent to a mortgage payment) into savings - \$20,445/month putting back. At the end of
40 April, we will hit \$1.8 M in the camp build fund. Curtis Washam approached Chairman Miller
41 with the idea of renovating instead of rebuilding. They requested the services of United
42 Architecture to help us to see what we could do with the money we have in the bank.

43 **Chairman Miller invites UNITE Architecture to come forward to share the renovation plans.**

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47 Point of information there is no need for a vote today. Our bylaws state in Article 18 Section 3
48 Paragraph C: Any surplus of funds which may accrue to the Network shall be invested or

1 expended by the Network Presbytery in that manner which they shall consider best for the
2 advancement of the Kingdom of God.
3 The Presbytery approved this project on April 23, 2025 and approved the work with Unite
4 Architecture to complete the project. They will oversee the entire project including project
5 payment. This will free up the camp team to focus on other work and other projects that need
6 to be completed. The work will begin this fall in order to be completed and ready for camp
7 season 2026 and will be debt free.

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9 **MISSIONS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ELECTORAL BALLOT RESULTS**

10 307 votes cast; 202 necessary to elect.
11 Cliff Cato – 297 – elected

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13 **MISSIONS DEPARTMENT SECRETARY ELECTORAL BALLOT RESULTS**

14 306 votes cast; 202 necessary to elect.
15 David Cox – 299 – elected

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17 **WEST PRESBYTER RATIFICATION**

18 Chairman provided brief explanation and instruction regarding the ratification of the West
19 Presbyters. Voting opened and closed.

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21 **SPONSOR PRESENTATION- WARRIORS JOURNEY**

22 Kevin Weaver shared about the Warriors Journey ministry.

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24 **RESOLUTION 4- GENDER, MARRIAGE, AND HUMAN SEXUALITY**

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26 **WHEREAS**, the worldly culture continually and increasingly challenges the biblical standards
27 regarding gender, marriage, and human sexuality; and

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29 **WHEREAS**, the affirmation of the biblical standards regarding gender, marriage, and human
30 sexuality is critically important in the maintaining of healthy local assemblies; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, leadership within the Assemblies of God have recently made recommendation that
33 local assemblies provide clarity regarding these matters within their governing documents;
34 therefore be it

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36 **RESOLVED** that the Bylaws of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network, Addendum 1.
37 Recommended Bylaws for General Council Affiliated Assemblies, ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP,
38 be amended by the addition of Section 10. Biblical Standard for Gender, Marriage, and Human
39 Sexuality, to read:

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41 **Section 10. Biblical Standard for Gender, Marriage, and Human Sexuality.** As
42 stated in ARTICLE IV. TENETS OF FAITH, this assembly maintains that the Bible is our
43 all-sufficient rule for faith and practice and therefore acknowledges certain unchanging
44 biblical standards regarding gender, marriage, and human sexuality.

45 A. **Gender.** In the beginning, God created and established two distinct and
46 separate genders, male and female, made in his own image (Genesis 1:27;
47 Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:6).

1 B. **Marriage.** At Creation, God instituted marriage as a sacred union between
2 one man and one woman (Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:6-9).
3 Throughout the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, the marriage
4 relationship between one man and one woman is continually affirmed,
5 defined, and instructed.
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7 C. **Human Sexuality.** The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, provide
8 general and specific prohibitions of sexual immorality, that is, any form of
9 sexual activity outside of the biblical parameters of marriage between one
10 man and one woman. The Scriptures teach that sexual activity is intended
11 strictly for marriage (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 4:1; Mark 10:8; 1 Corinthians
12 7:1-5; Hebrews 13:4). The Scriptures condemn sexual immorality, command
13 believers to abstain from such activity and lifestyles, and warn of the dire
14 consequences of continuing in sexual sin (Matthew 5:27-28; Matthew 19:18;
15 Acts 15:22-29; Romans 1:24-28; Romans 7:3; Romans 13:13; Ephesians 5:3;
16 Colossians 3:5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20; Hebrews 12:16; James 1:21; Revelation
17 21:8; Revelation 22:15). The Scriptures condemn the promotion of sexual
18 immorality within the church (2 Peter 2:13-19; Jude 4-13; Revelation 2:14;
19 Revelation 2:20).
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21 D. Violation of this biblical standard for gender, marriage, and human
22 sexuality, either by practice or promotion of such practice, shall be
23 considered cause for membership ineligibility or for discipline as defined in
24 these Bylaws.

25 And be it further

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27 **RESOLVED** that the Bylaws of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network, Addendum 2. Bylaws
28 for Network Affiliated Assemblies, ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP, be amended by the addition of
29 Section 10. Biblical Standard for Gender, Marriage, and Human Sexuality, to read:

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33 all-sufficient rule for faith and practice and therefore acknowledges certain unchanging
34 biblical standards regarding gender, marriage, and human sexuality.
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37 separate genders, male and female, made in his own image (Genesis 1:27;
38 Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:6).

39 B. **Marriage.** At Creation, God instituted marriage as a sacred union between one man
40 and one woman (Genesis 1:26-28; Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 10:6-9). Throughout the
41 Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, the marriage relationship between one man
42 and one woman is continually affirmed, defined, and instructed.
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45 and specific prohibitions of sexual immorality, that is, any form of sexual activity outside
46 of the biblical parameters of marriage between one man and one woman. The Scriptures
47 teach that sexual activity is intended strictly for marriage (Genesis 2:24; Genesis 4:1;
48 Mark 10:8; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5; Hebrews 13:4). The Scriptures condemn sexual

1 immorality, command believers to abstain from such activity and lifestyles, and warn of
2 the dire consequences of continuing in sexual sin (Matthew 5:27-28; Matthew 19:18;
3 Acts 15:22-29; Romans 1:24-28; Romans 7:3; Romans 13:13; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians
4 3:5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20; Hebrews 12:16; James 1:21; Revelation 21:8; Revelation
5 22:15). The Scriptures condemn the promotion of sexual immorality within the church (2
6 Peter 2:13-19; Jude 4-13; Revelation 2:14; Revelation 2:20).

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8 D. Violation of this biblical standard for gender, marriage, and human sexuality, either
9 by practice or promotion of such practice, shall be considered cause for membership
10 ineligibility or for discipline as defined in these Bylaws.

11 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the Network Presbytery**

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13 Chairman asked the resolutions committee chairman to present a brief synopsis of the
14 resolution. He then asked Paul Scheperle (mic 3) to speak to the body regarding the resolution.
15 Motion was made to adopt the resolution. **MSC**

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17 **SPECIAL PRESENTATION- SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD OF HONOR**

18 Pastor Al & Marilyn Pulis were presented the Superintendent's Award of Honor. They were
19 presented with special plaques and recognized for their commitment and faithfulness.

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21 **WEST PRESBYTER RATIFICATION**

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23 Allen Perkins
24 Jeff Higbie
25 Jeremy Workman
26 Dennis Luce
27 Chris Gray
28 Brad McAtee
29 Ryan Goeden

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31 Chairman declared all the West side Presbyters as elected.

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33 **RESOLUTION 5 – FRONTIERSMEN CAMPING FELLOWSHIP**

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35 **WHEREAS**, the Frontiersman Camping Fellowship within the Royal Rangers Department of our
36 Southern Missouri Ministry Network is charged with the task of developing boys in the areas of
37 moral character, spiritual maturity, and camping skills; and

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39 **WHEREAS**, the qualifications for leadership candidates within the Frontiersmen Camping
40 Fellowship contained within our present Network Bylaws conflicts with the qualifications
41 specified by the national Royal Rangers Department; therefore, be it

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43 **RESOLVED** that the Bylaws of the Southern Missouri Ministry Network of the Assemblies of
44 God, ARTICLE XXI. NETWORK DEPARTMENTS, Section 7. Royal Rangers Department,
45 Subsection F. Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship, Subsection (2) Leadership, Subsection (b)
46 Network Scout and Assistant Scouts, which presently reads:

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48 (b) Network Scout and Assistant Scouts. The Network Scouts shall be elected by the

1 Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship chapter membership from a body of candidates
2 selected by the Network Royal Rangers Leadership Team and approved by the Network
3 Royal Rangers Commander in consultation with the Network Men's Ministries Director,
4 subject to approval of the Network Superintendent. Candidates must be less than 16 ½
5 years of age at the time of election and will serve a term of 2 years.
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7 Be amended to read:
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9 (b) Network Scout and Assistant Scouts. The Network Scouts shall be elected by the
10 Frontiersmen Camping Fellowship chapter membership from a body of candidates
11 selected by the Network Royal Rangers Leadership Team and approved by the Network
12 Royal Rangers Commander in consultation with the Network Men's Ministries Director,
13 subject to approval of the Network Superintendent. ~~Candidates must be less than 16 ½~~
14 ~~years of age at the time of election and will serve a term of 2 years.~~

15 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED by the Network Presbytery**
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17 Chairman asked the resolutions committee to present a brief synopsis of the resolution. He then
18 asked John Hicks (mic 3) to speak to the body regarding the resolution. Motion was made to
19 adopt the resolution. **MSC**
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21 **ELECTION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE**
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23 At the General Council 2025, Council will elect an African American Executive Presbyter and an
24 Under 40 Executive Presbyter that serves on the National Executive Presbytery. It is necessary
25 for our Network to send one nominee for both of these roles. From the 66 nominees from the
26 66 Networks, the General Council Executive Presbytery will select 8 names to pass on to the
27 General Presbytery. Then the General Presbytery will choose 4 names to advance to the full
28 council.
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30 The Chairman explained the procedure for selecting the nominee. He then shared that the
31 Presbytery recommended James McIntosh and Alex Bryant. Vote was taken.
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33 **ELECTION OF ORDAINED UNDER 40 EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE**
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35 The Chairman explained the procedure for selecting the nominee. He then shared that the
36 Presbytery recommended Ryan Goeden and Paul Richardson. Vote was taken.
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38 Point of order: Nicki Bohannon (mic 2) – what is the term if they are to be elected?

39 The term of the Executive Presbytery is 4 years.

40 The term of the General Presbytery is 1 year.

41 They must be under 40 at time of election.
42

43 Chairman took a moment to honor Ken Robinson for his years of service on the Presbytery even
44 though he was unable to be there.
45

46 Chairman Miller shared information regarding the current building's history and changes over
47 the years (patchwork approach). Determined it was most feasible to renovate where we
48 currently are. Again, we turned to Unite Architecture to see what we could do debt free.

1 **Chairman Miller invites UNITE Architecture to return to the stage to share the**
2 **renovation plans for the Network Office.**

3
4 Chairman Miller shared that we are planning to start this summer with phase 1 and plan to
5 finish by summer 2028.

6
7 **SPONSOR PRESENTATION- CONVOY OF HOPE**

8 Steve Pulis shared a word of thanks from Convoy of Hope to the SOMO Network. He also
9 shared about the work of Convoy of Hope.

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11 **AFRICAN AMERICAN EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE RESULT**

12 302 votes cast. 200 necessary to elect.

13 Chairman Miller read the names of those who received at least 3 votes or more.

14 James McIntosh 166
15 Alex Bryant 119
16 Derek Haynes 5
17 Larincia Hambrick 5

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19 There was no election on the nomination on the nominating ballot. Thus, the chairman called
20 for first electoral vote. Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.

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22 **ORDAINED UNDER 40 EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE RESULT**

23 301 votes cast. 199 necessary to elect.

24 Chairman Miller read the names of those who received at least 3 votes or more.

25 Ryan Goeden 133
26 Paul Richardson 138
27 Eric Bates 5
28 Garrett Hulbert 5
29 Ashley Pritchett 4
30 Anthony Matrone 3

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32 Eric Bates (mic 2) withdraws his name
33 Ashley Pritchett (mic 3) withdraws her name

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35 There was no election on the nomination on the nominating ballot. Thus, the chairman called
36 for first electoral vote. Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.

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38 **SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF GREG PERKINS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW**
39 **MENS DIRECTOR**

40 Greg Perkins has been serving as the Men's Director. Greg was elected as Pastor of West
41 County Assemblies of God in Chesterfield, MO and is stepping down from the Mens Director
42 position.

43
44 Greg approached the microphone and addressed the assembly.

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46 Moment to show appreciation to Greg & DiAnn for their service.

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48 Eric approached the microphone and addressed the assembly.

1 Chairman Miller offers prayer for all the Network Directors.

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3 **ELECTION OF FEMALE ORDAINED GENERAL PRESBYTER FOR GENERAL COUNCIL**

4 Chairman explained that every five years the Southern Missouri Network gets to choose two
5 representatives for special interests groups. They are not a nominee. They will serve as a
6 General Presbyter. They serve for one year and will attend the General Presbyters meeting in
7 August.

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9 The Chairman explained the procedure for selecting the nominee. He then shared that the
10 Presbytery recommended Ashley Pritchett, Jill St. John, Rhonda Amer. Vote was taken.

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12 **AFRICAN AMERICAN EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE FIRST ELECTORAL RESULT**

13 288 votes cast. 190 necessary to elect.

14 Chairman Miller read the names of those who received at least 3 votes or more.

15 James McIntosh	146
16 Alex Bryant	113
17 Derek Haynes	9
18 Larincia Hambrick	20

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20 There was no election on the first electoral ballot. Thus, the chairman called for second
21 electoral vote. Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.

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23 **ORDAINED UNDER 40 EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE FIRST ELECTORAL RESULT**

24 295 votes cast. 194 necessary to elect.

25 Chairman Miller read the names of those who received at least 3 votes or more.

26 Ryan Goeden	110
27 Paul Richardson	161
28 Garrett Hulbert	11
29 Anthony Matrone	13

30

31 There was no election on the first electoral ballot. Thus, the chairman called for second
32 electoral vote. Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.

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34 **ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2026 NETWORK CONFERENCE**

35 Chairman Miller announces that the 2026 Network Conference will be held at Central Assembly
36 of God in Springfield, MO.

37

38 Chairman shared that the Monday night speaker will be Austin Westlake – National Youth
39 Director.

40

41 **RECOGNITION OF MISSIONARIES**

42 Invited Missionaries to the mics to introduce themselves.

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44 **FEMALE ORDAINED GENERAL PRESBYTER FOR GENERAL COUNCIL RESULT**

45 280 votes cast. 185 necessary to elect.

46 Ashley Pritchett	172
47 Jill St. John	30
48 Rhonda Amer	60

1 Christian Fauth 4
2 Kathi Garner 1
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4 There was no election on the nomination on the nominating ballot. Thus, the chairman called
5 for first electoral vote. Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.
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7 **AFRICAN AMERICAN EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE 2nd ELECTORAL RESULT**

8 272 votes cast. 182 necessary to elect.

9 Chairman Miller read the names of those who received at least 3 votes or more.

10 James McIntosh 209
11 Alex Bryant 58
12 Derek Haynes 2
13 Larincia Hambrick 3
14

15 Chairman declared James McIntosh elected.
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17 **ORDAINED UNDER 40 EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER NOMINEE 2nd ELECTORAL RESULT**

18 278 votes cast. 186 necessary to elect.

19 Chairman Miller read the names of those who received at least 3 votes or more.

20 Ryan Goeden 57
21 Paul Richardson 214
22 Garrett Hulbert 5
23 Anthony Matrone 2
24

25 Chairman declared Paul Richardson elected.
26

27 **ELECTION OF ORDAINED UNDER 40 GENERAL PRESBYTER**

28 The Chairman explained the procedure for selecting the nominee. He then shared that the
29 Presbytery recommended Ryan Goeden and Paul Richardson. Vote was taken.
30

31 **FEMALE ORDAINED GENERAL PRESBYTER FOR GENERAL COUNCIL 1st ELECTORAL
32 RESULT**

33 263 votes cast. 176 necessary to elect.

34 Ashley Pritchett 165
35 Jill St. John 23
36 Rhonda Amer 59
37 Christian Fauth 12
38 Kathi Garner 4
39

40 There was no election on the nomination on the first electoral ballot. Thus, the chairman called
41 for second electoral vote. Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.
42

43 **ORDAINED UNDER 40 GENERAL PRESBYTER RESULT**

44 252 votes cast. 169 necessary to elect.

45 Ryan Goeden 116
46 Paul Richardson 113
47 Garrett Hulbert 5
48 Kaeli Gukian 4

1 Josh Prichett 5

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3 There was no election on the nomination on the nominating ballot. Thus, the chairman called
4 for first electoral vote. Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.

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6 **FEMALE ORDAINED GENERAL PRESBYTER FOR GENERAL COUNCIL 2nd ELECTORAL
7 RESULT**

8 284 votes cast. 190 necessary to elect.

9 Ashley Pritchett 265

10 Jill St. John 6

11 Rhonda Amer 9

12 Christian Fauth 5

13

14 Chairman declared Ashley Pritchett elected.

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16 **ORDAINED UNDER 40 GENERAL PRESBYTER 1st ELECTORAL RESULT**

17 261 votes cast. 173 necessary to elect.

18 Ryan Goeden 111

19 Paul Richardson 108

20 Garrett Hulbert 4

21 Kaeli Gukian 3

22 Josh Prichett 26

23

24 There was no election on the first electoral ballot. Thus, the chairman called for second
25 electoral vote. Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.

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27 **COURTESY RESOLUTION ONE**

28 Resolution #1 – Thanking Sheffield Family Life Center and Pastor George Westlake, staff and
29 volunteers. **MSC**

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31 **ORDAINED UNDER 40 GENERAL PRESBYTER 2nd ELECTORAL RESULT**

32 270 votes cast. 178 necessary to elect.

33 Ryan Goeden 167

34 Paul Richardson 98

35 Josh Prichett 85

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37 There was no election on the second electoral ballot. Thus, the chairman called for third
38 electoral vote. Chairman opened voting. Voting closed.

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40 **COURTESY RESOLUTION TWO**

41 Resolution #2 – Showing Appreciation to the Lord our God, Network Ministry Team, Speakers
42 and the committees that have served us so well. **MSC**

43

44 Chairman Miller expressed appreciation to the Network Team, committees and all involved.

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46 **ORDAINED UNDER 40 GENERAL PRESBYTER 3rd ELECTORAL RESULT**

47 263 votes cast. 173 necessary to elect.

48 Ryan Goeden 229

1 Paul Richardson 28
2 Josh Prichett 6

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4 Chairman declared Ryan Goeden elected.

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6 Chairman Miller expressed appreciation to the Tellers and Ushers.

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8 **ADJOURNMENT**

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10 Chairman declared business session adjourned at 1:05 PM.